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SUBJ: GOI APPEALS "TEMPLE MOUNT" DECISION

REF: JERUSALEM 864, JERUSALEM 1035

1. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI PRESS AND RADIO, ISRAELI ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SUBMITTED APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT OF JUNE 30 JERUSALEM DISTRICT COURT DECISION ON PRAYERS BY JEWS ON TEMPLE MOUNT (HARAM AS-SHARIF). APPEAL APPARENTLY DOES NOT CHALLENGE CONVICTION OF EIGHT WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF DISTURBING THE PEACE BUT QUESTIONS DISTRICT COURT SUGGESTION THAT THIS WAS PERHAPS NOT MATTER FOR COURTS AT ALL, SINCE IT INVOLVED HOLY PLACES. DISTRICT COURT HAD ASKED RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS MINISTRY TO MAKE STUDY OF MATTER AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT ISSUE REGULATIONS GOVERNING JEWISH PRAYERS ON MOUNT.

2. ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTEDLY ARGUES THAT THIS IS NOT QUESTION INVOLVING STATUS OF HOLY PLACES, BUT IS STRAIGHT-FORWARD CRIMINAL MATTER AND THEREFORE APPROPRIATE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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COURT TO HANDLE. JERUSALEM POST REPORTS THAT RELIGIOUS

AFFAIRS MINISTRY IS SUSPENDING ITS STUDY OF QUESTION,
BEGUN FOLLOWING DISTRICT COURT DECISION,PENDING SUPREME COURT
ACTION.

3. EIGHT YOUTHS CONVICTED ARE NOW ALSO EXPECTED TO FILE APPEAL.

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